DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

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Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda Delta Protection Commission Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. Jean Harvie Community Center 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

- 1. Call to Order/Attendance.
- 2. Public Comments.
- 3. Minutes of the March 25, 1999 Meeting.
- 4. Chairman's Report.

Including Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Potter and Selection of Representative for Technical Advisory Panel for the Delta Dredging and Reuse Strategy Project.

- 5. Commissioner Comments/Announcements.
- 6. Attorney General's Report.
- 7. Executive Director's Report.
- 8. <u>Pending Projects Memo, Pending Category III Projects Memo, Legislative Update</u>
 Memo.

(For Commission Information Only)

9. <u>Consideration of Support for Assembly Member Machado's AB 1521; Funding for the Levee Subvention Program.</u>

The Commission will consider taking a position of support on the bill to provide over \$50 million for the levee subvention program for the next two years. (For Commission Action)

10. Consideration of Expenditures from the FY 98-99 Budget.

The Commission will consider taking a position of approval for expenditure of funds from the FY 98-99 budget for: two computers to replace three computers that failed the Y2K compliance tests; a new copy machine; and miscellaneous office furniture. Total funds to be spent will not exceed \$18,000.

(For Commission Action)

11. Consideration of FY 99-00 Budget and Work Plan.

The Commission will consider and possibly adopt proposed budget and work plan. (For Commission Action)

12. Briefing on Acquisition of Lands and Conservation Easements Since 1993.

As requested by the Commission, staff has prepared and will present information about acquisition in the Primary Zone since the Commission started meeting. (For Commission Information Only)

13. Briefing on CALFED Category III Grant Applications (April 16, 1999).

CALFED now requires grant applicants to notify the Delta Protection Commission of grant applications for projects in the Delta. Staff has prepared a list of the projects submitted for funding in the April 16, 1999 grant cycle. Projects will be reviewed by Technical Panels and an Integration Panel convened by CALFED, with final approval by the CALFED Policy Group in June.

(For Commission Information Only)

14. Briefing on "Super Williamson Act"

John Gamper of California Farm Bureau Federation will brief the Commission on SB 1182 (Costa) which would allow conversion of Williamson Act contracts to Farmland Security Zones for 20 years with an additional 35% cut in property taxes. (For Commission Information Only)

15. Briefing on Detailed Socio-Economic Analysis of the Proposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North Delta National Wildlife Refuge. In January, 1999, U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff briefed the Commission on the proposed North Delta National Wildlife refuge, including the four alternatives to be analyzed in the environmental document. Service staff and their consultants will brief the Commission on the detailed socio-economic analysis of the proposed refuge prepared as part of the environmental document. The proposed refuge would include portions of Solano and Yolo Counties; the four alternatives range in size from 7,800 acres to approximately 47,000 acres. The environmental document is due to be released in early June. (For Commission Information Only)

16.	Adiow	rnment.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS: None are scheduled.